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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 7 July 1983

1. [] and I talked with [] Chief of DDI West Europe Division. He said he was interested in "realtime" information receipt, particularly realtime TV to give his analysts the feel of the ambience of the countries for which they were responsible. We explained the considerable cost and operational disadvantages in what he wanted. He conceded that the response he had received to this interest in Headquarters was, "But, if we did that for you we'd have to do it for everyone." He didn't see much wrong in that.

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[] complained that during the Italian election FBIS had been unable to confirm a rumor about the CPI and said his division's copies of the papers arrived too late. When asked if the Wire had been contacted about his interest he replied that he was "pretty sure" his analysts had.

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We told [] a bit about our long range plans for TV and urged that he get his analysts in touch with the Wire and DRD when he felt the need for special support. We also explained the advantages his analysts would have in terms of the entire WE file when they received SAFE terminals, apparently scheduled for WE this fall. He seemed encouraged by that, said he now knew a lot more about FBIS than ever before, and promised to bring over some of his staff for a DRD/Wire walk through.

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